

3^d Aug. 1784

A T A
M E E T I N G
OF PART OF
RATHFRILAND COMPANY,

AUGUST 3^d. 1784.

Pursuant to adjournment,

M^R. ROBERT SLOAN, in the chair.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it is with much concern, we find Capt. Barber's Conduct of late opposite to the Spirit of Volunteering, by his assuming a power to dispose of motions made in the Company without taking their suffrage, thereby preventing the Company their right of Judging for themselves. Pleading for precedent, the Conduct of the *Down right Sheriff* of the county of Down. By his trying a Member for a misdemeaner, whose crime was obeying the orders of the Company, charging said member with disobedience of orders; orders, which he had never given in person, writing or by others.—By his refusing to form a Court-martial by Ballot; the method agreed to in our Association, but pack'd it of such as would implicitly obey him.—By his refusing a Member of the Company an opportunity of explaining his Conduct, against surmises sent abroad of him, is brow-beating said member for making such Requisition; with appellations beneath a man, thereby adding insult to injury.—By his declaring at sundry Times and to sundry Persons, that he would *absolutely* command the Company; or Reduce it to ten men.—And by his answer to our Requisition desiring an Explanation of his conduct, which answer is altogether unsatisfactory, inconsistent and evasive, from which we believe that the said Capt. Barber wants to be *Absolute*, or to destroy the company, by which he would make his peace with the Aristocratic party, as he lately did by his cringing submission to lord Glerawly, in a manner Derogatory to the Dignity and Honor of the Rathfriland Company.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That we will no longer remain under the Command of said Capt. Barber, but secede by the name of the Southern Division of the Rathfriland Company, under the Command of Messrs. James Scott, and Geo. Cowan, Lieutenants, and Mr. Andrew Sloan, Adjutant for said Division.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That we will Persevere in the use of Arms, and Co-operate with our Fellow Citizens at large, in every measure by them adopted, for obtaining a redress of those Grievances so justly complained of, That we will endeavour to Increase our Numbers, and Learn others who attend our Parades the use of the Firelock.

Signed,

ROBERT SLOAN, Chairman.



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MILITARY